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Officers and Standing Committees.

Moderator—A. A. Curry	Union Church, Jacksonville, Ill.
Clerk—Luther E. Smith	First Baptist Church,
Treasurer—F. C. Walbaum	Ashland Church, Ashland Ill.

Program Committee for 1911.

Rev. J. V. Whiting, Chairman	Jacksonville, Ill.
Samuel Crum	Literberry, Ill.
A. A. Curry	Pisgah, Ill.

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MINUTES.

At 10 A. M. the Morgan and Scott County Association met with the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Illinois, on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1910. Monday night session was very informal, Brother Artrolus, of Manchester, not being present. Rev. Whiting held a short service.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by the moderator, Brother A. A. Curry, of Pisgah, Illinois. On account of the primary election the date of the Association was changed from the 14th and 15th to the 13th and 14th.

The moderator deviated from the regular program, and after song service Brother Mason, of Jacksonville, was asked to lead a devotional service for fifteen minutes.

10:15. Brother J. O. Robinson, of the Ashland Church, made an address of welcome which made us feel it was good to meet with a church which had such men as he for its members.

10:30. The moderator called for the election of officers. Rev. J. V. Whiting, of Jacksonville, nominated Brother A. A. Curry for Moderator. Brother Beekman seconded nomination. Brother Curry was unanimously elected. Luther E. Smith was elected Clerk and Brother F. C. Walbaum was elected Treasurer.

The Moderator called for the reading of the Rules of Order, which were read by the Clerk.

11:00. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. V. Whiting, of Jacksonville. After the sermon our Moderator adjourned with prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon.

1:30. Brother J. B. Beekman, of Pisgah, led the devotional exercises, which was concluded by a prayer by J. E. Curry.

2:00. Mr. Scrogin, an anti-saloon representative, not being able to be present, Mr. J. Perry gave a very helpful talk on the league and its work in the state.

2:30. The report of the Treasurer was then called for, which was read and approved, and was as follows:

Amount received from churches last year.....	$48.69
By printing and mailing programs.....	$ 4.20
By blanks for letters and mailing same....	.45
Cash paid Clerk	35.00

Ill. State Ass'n. of Anti-Saloon Leagues = 1910

Total $39.65

Balance in treasury from last year..... $ 9.05
To churches for printing minutes..... 25.20
To general collection 10.37

Balance on hand..... $44.62

3:30. The Moderator called for the reading of church letters and appointed Mrs. A. A. Curry and Mrs. Barrows to read same.

3:30 Mrs. A. A. Curry introduced Miss Dresser, a Home Missionary, who gave a very instructive and profitable talk on Home Mission work among the Indians, after which a collection was taken for this work.

Woman's Work.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies convened at 3:15, Mrs. A. A. Curry presiding.

Miss Laura K. Dresser, of Oklahoma, spoke of the educational work among the blanket Indians.

This was followed by a duet, "If We Only Had the Time," by Mrs. Barrows and Mrs. Shutt.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. A. Curry, Pisgah; Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Barrow, Waverly; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Shutt, Waverly.

The semi-annual meeting will be held at Union Church, Pisgah, the third Thursday in April. Program committee—Mrs. J. V. Whiting, Jacksonville; Mrs. Bert Williamson, Jacksonville: Mrs. Mollie Topliff, Franklin.

4:15. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

State Missions—Rev. Aldrich, Mr. Sevier, Mrs. Shutt.

Foreign Missions—Miss Olive Blunt, Mrs. Minnie Barrow, Mrs. Jerry Cox.

Next session, and preacher of the annual sermon—Jessie Robinson, Rev. George Hart, Anna McDonald.

Associational Missions—J. B. Beekman, Ernest Walbaum, Mrs. Stebbins.

Resolutions—F. C. Walbaum, Ivan Wood, Ernest Zirkle.

Adjourned.

Tuesday Evening.

7:30. The Moderator called the meeting to order, and after

a short song service Rev. George Hart led a minute devotional service.

Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. Shutt and Mrs. Aldrich, all of Waverly, next favored us with a trio, "Rock of Ages," which was of the usual high order which characterizes their singing.

8:00. Brother Curry introduced Rev. Samuel Boyer, of Springfield, Ill., who preached the evening sermon, taking as his text Daniel 11:32—"But the people that know shall be strong."

Wednesday Morning.

8:30. Mrs. W. E. Barrows led the devotional service for fifteen minutes, which gave us a spiritual uplift for the beginning of the day's work.

8:45. The Moderator called the meeting to order, and after prayer by Brother Hart the reading of the church letters was resumed.

Mrs. Shutt and Mrs. Barrow sang very beautifully "Ring the Golden Bells."

The Moderator then introduced Rev. P. H. Aldrich, who preached the morning sermon.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Miss Blunt submitted the following report which was adopted:

We, as a committee, feeling a deep interest in this feature of our great denominational work, and believing the brethren in the churches feel as deeply as we ourselves, recommend that every church in our Association find out the amounts asked of them for the various missionary interests and try to raise the full amount during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Associational Missions.

Report by Committee on Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, would respectfully submit the following:

In view of the explicit command of Jesus Christ, we disciples of all nations and we need not wait for higher authority. In view of the second in authority the great American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society which stands as a watchman on the tower and strengthens its representatives. Missionaries and magazines calling us to multiply our contributions until they may not only

meet the present need but increase its territory and workers, and this also secured by the great laymen; has had such wonderful meetings during the past year, all there as one voice calling the churches to arouse and put on new vigor if they would take the world for Christ; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we recommend every effort possible be made by pastors and churches to not only meet but increase their apportionment; also we recommend that the pastors of this Association preach at least three missionary sermons during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

The resolution presented by Miss Olive Blunt was unanimously adopted.

Resolution Concerning B. Y. P. U.

Believing that the work of this association will in time pass to the shoulders of the young men and the young women in our churches now constituting our B. Y. P. U., and in view of every department of our denominational church life having a place on the program except this, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Association hereby appoint the presidents of these organizations as a committee to plan for a speaker on B. Y. P. U. work at the next Association, and that we recommend the churches to use their influence to increase the attendance of the young people, and that at least two delegates from each church to the Association next year from the ranks of the B. Y. P. U., or young people.

Resolution adopted.

Miss Blunt made a motion to appoint Mrs. Topliff to visit and have the power to organize an associational B. Y. P. U., and ask all churches to send delegates to the Association.

Brother Whiting at this time made an earnest talk on the raising of the apportionment allotted by the State Committee for Missions, and urged the churches to make a special effort the coming year to come up to the expectation of the State Committee.

10:30. Brother George Hart gave a strong talk on denominational work at large. Afterwards Brother A. A. Curry made a strong plea that Baptists send their children to Baptist schools, and that there were no stronger and better schools than our own school, Shurtleff College.

10:45. Brother E. P. Brand, State Superintendent of Missions, from Normal, Ill., spoke at some length on State Missions.

11:15. Rev. E. P. Mitchell made a short talk on Ministerial Education.

Rev. I. H. Williams not being able to be present, Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of Muskogee, Okla., preached the morning sermon, taking his text from Isa. 55:4.

Adjourned.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1:30. The reading of church letters was then resumed.

There was no report from State Missions.

The report from the Committee on Resolutions was then heard:

Resolution No. 1—

Resolved, That we encourage a more active co-operation among the churches of this Association.

Resolution passed by unanimous vote of the Association.

Resolution No. 2—

Resolved, That we insist that every Baptist use their influence as a Baptist with all.

Carried.

Resolution No. 3—

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of this church for their hospitality.

Carried by standing vote.

Next came the report from the committee on time, place, and preacher of the next annual sermon.

The committee wishes to present the following report:

Time of meeting, Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1911. Preacher of annual sermon, Rev. P. H. Aldrich, of Waverly, Ill. Place of meeting, Youngblood Baptist Church, Nortonville, Ill.

This resolution is as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER GEORGE HART,
J. O. ROBINSON,
ANNA E. McDONALD,
Committee.

Report received, and on the proper motion was carried.

A motion brought before the Association and carried that the delegates consult their churches in regard to changing the time of meeting of the Association from midweek to Saturday and Sunday and report the same to the Association next year.

Association adjourned till 1911.

Call for Sunday School Convention.

Wednesday Night.

The meeting was called to order by W. B. Morris, State Superintendent of Sunday School Work.

The appointment of a committee to present a constitution and nominate officers for a Morgan and Scott County Sunday School Convention to work in conjunction with the Association proper.

The committee—W. B. Morris, Miss Jasper, Mrs. Elizabeth Stebbins.

Report of committee received and adopted, as follows:

Officers elected—President, Luther E. Smith, Jacksonville; Vice-President, J. O. Robinson, Ashland; Secretary and Treasurer, Anna Stansfield, Murrayville.

Constitution of Sunday School Convention.

Article 1. This organization shall be known as Morgan and Scott County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Art. 2. Each Sunday School in the Association shall be entitled to five delegates in addition to their pastor and superintendent.

Art. 3. The object of this convention shall be to advance our Sunday School work.

Art. 4. The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice-president, and secretary and treasurer, who shall discharge the usual duties pertaining to their several offices.

Art. 5. The schools composing this body shall furnish at each annual meeting full and accurate statistical reports, with an account of their progress and prospects.

Art. 6. This convention shall meet annually on the day preceding the regular meeting of the Morgan and Scott County Association and shall be called to order by the president or clerk or, in their absence, by some other person selected by those present.

Other meetings may be called by the officers during the year.

Art. 7. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

Convention adjourned.

	Date of Organization	Church Property	Current Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Publication Society	Education	Ministers Home	Other Objects	For Minutes	Womans Foreign and Home Missions	
Alsey	1842	1400	1060	120	7 00	7.00	10.89						1.60		
Ashland	1886	15000	1589.63	75.50	25.00	25.00	25 00		136.55	4.30		8.25	3.00	15.00	
Bloomfield	1895	1300	93 03	25.00								26.00	1.00		
Clarks Chapel	1865	1800	74.40	8 00	2.00								1.25	4 00	
Diamond Grove	1823	1800											.50		
Franklin	1887	1800	160	10.00							1.30		1.00		
Harts Prairie	1867	1200	No Re	port Re	ceived										
Jacksonville	1841	26850	3085	320	105.00	46.90	96.92		25.00	15.00	10.00	97.50	6.00		
Liter	1868	5000	490	51 0	52.00	7.00	2.65						2.00	5.00	
Murrayville	1867	2000	186	20 [illegible]									1.00		
Manchester	1846	5500	415	69 17	12.16	6.05	2.58					12.36	1.05		
New Hope	1863	800	100	15 0									2.00		
Sand Ridge	No	Stati	stic fu	rnish	ed										
Union	1838	7000	500	76 9	30.76				15.00				3.00	25.55	
Waverly	1855	6000	950	77 0	36.00	24.70	14.70		10.70	5.00	2.00	41.00	2.50		
Winchester	1835	20000	1848	43 00						10.00			3.00		
Young Blood	1854	1200	No Re	port	Receiv										
															28.90

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Address of Pastors	CLERKS	Address of Clerks	Increase				Decrease				Membership	Non-resident Members	No. Reported Last Year
					Letters	Baptism	Restored	Experience	Letters	Deaths	Erased	Excluded			
Alsey	None	None	G. B. Wills	Alsey, Ill.		3			1	1			158	52	157
Ashland	None	None	E. A Walbaum	Pleasant Plains, Ill.											155
Bloomfield	None	None	Miss Cecil Priest	Winchester, Ill.									47	7	33
Clarks Chapel	Steven Catt	Jerseyville, Ill.	Anna E. McDonald	Jacksonville, Ill.		2				3			47	20	
Diamond Grove	Rev. Caywood	Jacksonville, Ill.	Emma F. Holmes	Jacksonville, Ill.	2	1				1			22	6	22
Franklin	E. F. Curry	Jacksonville. Ill.	D. R. Shirley	Franklin, Ill.									62	40	76
Harts Prairie	None	None Reported	None												68
Jacksonville	J. V. Whiting	Jacksonville, Ill.	Luther E. Smith	Jacksonville, Ill.	18	5			25	2			669	17	673
Liter	Wm Dickman	Carrollton, Ill.	M. M. Crum	Literberry, Ill.		8							75		67
Murrayville	None	None	Anna Stanfield	Murrayville, Ill.									60	31	63
Manchester	Wm Gather	Roodhouse, Ill.	Lennie Chapman	Manchester, Ill.	2	1			5	1			155	34	158
New Hope	J. E. Curry	Pisgah, Ill.	J. H. Sevier	Waverly, Ill.	1	2			2	1			33		
Sand Ridge	No Report furnished		None												
Union	None	None	Mrs. A. A. Curry	Pisgah, Ill.		7				1			1 9	42	153
Waverly	P. H. Aldrich	Waverly, Ill.	Minnie N. Barrons	Waverly, Ill.	4	1			9	3	30		153		170
Winchester	None	None	J. C. Moore	Winchester, Ill.					10		1		234		249
Young Blood	No Report furnished		None												169

STATISTICS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Name of Schools.	Name of Superintendent.	Address of Superintendent.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Total Membership	Average Attendance	Baptized from School.	Sunday School Expenses.
Alsey	C. W. Day	Roodhouse R. F. D.	6	42	49	26		12.00
Ashland	F. C. Walbaum	Ashland Ill,	15	152	167	74		75.50
Bloomfield	Dona Little	Winchester, Ill.	8	80	88	50	1	35.07
Clarks Chapel	Anna E. Mc Donald	Jacksonville, Ill.	5	15	15	9		8.00
Diamond Grove	No Report furnished							
Franklin	D. R. Shirley	Franklin, Ill.	7	25	30	20		10.00
Harts Prairie	No Report furnished							
Jacksonville	G. H. Kopperl	Jacksonville, Ill.	33	588	621	285	4	320.17
Liter	M. M. Crum	Literberry, Ill.	12	97	109	43	8	51.00
Murryville	Anna Stansfield	Murrayville, Ill.	11	35	46	30	2	20.00
Manchester	Mrs. J. H. Langdon	Manchester, Ill.	20	78	89	57	1	40.11
New Hope	Geo. Alderson	Waverly, Ill.	6	50	56	30		15.00
Sand Ridge	No Report furnished							
Union	A. A. Curry	Pisgah, Ill.	14	108	122	68	5	76.91
Waverly	Elmer Meacham	Waverly, I	20	100	120	65	1	77.00
Winchester	W. L. Bagshaw	Winchester. Ill.	10	80	90	40		43.00
Young Blood	No Report Furnished							

Annual Report of Baptist Young People's Union

Churches	President	Secretary	Active Members	Associate Members	Total Membership
Alsey	Elmer Hubble	Ola Fundel	12	8	20
Ashland	Helena Lanhan	Russel Davis	45		45
Jacksonville	Mabel Withee	Mrs. E. C. Roach	75		75
Manchester	Mrs. Jessie Dremen	Oren Raines	No Report given		
Waverly	Chas. Dikes	Auldrey Branom	35	5	40

The above churches are the only ones that reporting a B. Y. P. U. Organization.

Women's Missionary Society.

Franklin	Mrs.C. C. Morgan	Mrs. Alice Spencer	25
Jacksonville	Mrs. A. B. Williamson	Mrs. Geo. A. Smith	62
Union	Mrs. S. C. Camm	Mrs. Ivan Wood	16
Waverly	Mrs. C. W. Lowe	Lennie Lodgerson	15
Literberry	Mattie Dinwiddie	Lyda Bevers	20

Constitution of Morgan and Scott County Association

ARTICLE 1—Name.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as "The Morgan and Scott County Baptist Association," and shall be composed of the messengers from the several churches, together with their pastors and ordained ministers.

ARTICLE 2—Object.

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote fellowship between its churches and co-operate together to advance the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

ARTICLE 3—Representatives.

Every church composed of less than twenty-five members shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five members.

Sunday School Association.

ARTICLE 1—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, chosen by ballot at each annual meeting.

Section 2. Duties. The Moderator shall preside at all the meetings of the body and lead in the transaction of business. He shall see that order and decorum are observed by every member.

Section 3. Clerk. The Clerk shall keep a full and impartial record of the doings of the Association. He shall prepare a copy of the same for publication, superintend the printing of the minutes; when printed he shall forward a suitable number of copies to the churches belonging to the Association and forward copies to the Superintendent of State Missions for publication in the State Annual.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all moneys belonging to the Association, and pay out the same only on the order of the Association. Upon surrendering his office he shall turn over the books and moneys on hand to his successor, who in turn shall give him a receipt for the same.

ARTICLE 2—Meetings.

This body shall meet annually on Wednesday preceding the third Sunday in September, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue its session for two days.

ARTICLE 3—Letters and Contributions.

Each church shall send with its messengers a letter containing the account of the doings of the church for the past year.

Each church is expected to contribute and forward money for the printing of the minutes and other expenses of the meeting. This amount should not be less than two dollars and more according to the strength of the church.

ARTICLE 4—Admission.

Churches wishing to be received into this body may apply with letter and messenger, and may be voted into this Association, after giving satisfactory evidence as to the soundness of doctrine, and correctness of practice. Upon the reception of such church the Moderator shall extend to the messengers of that church the hand of Christian fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ARTICLE 5.

Upon the failure of any church to report to the Association for two consecutive years, the Moderator shall appoint a committee of investigation, who shall examine the condition of the church and make such recommendations to the body as they may deem fit.

ARTICLE 6.

As an associated body we can exercise no authority over the churches, each one being an independent body, however, this body reserves the right to withdraw the hand of fellowship from any church which in the judgment of the body has become unsound in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

ARTICLE 7.

This Association shall have power to open correspondence with other associations as may seem expedient.

ARTICLE 8.

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided notice has been given of such amendment at the preceding meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting of the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. At each session of the body a sermon, exposition, exhortation or address upon some scriptural theme shall be delivered, in addition to the routine business.

3. No question shall be discussed until it is regularly moved and seconded.

4. No member of the Association shall speak more than once upon the same question without special leave of the Moderator, yet with right of appeal to the body.

5. Every member speaking shall first address the Moderator and when recognized he shall confine himself strictly to the question in hand and shall avoid all improper personalities in his remarks.

6. Ministers and others invited to a seat with us may take part in the discussion of all questions before the body, but vote on none.

7. No member shall leave the room during the session of the body without permission from the Moderator.

8. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be put without discussion.

9. These rules shall be read by the Moderator at the opening session of each annual meeting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1.

We believe that there is one and only one true and living God whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Article 2.

We believe that the God and New Testaments are the word of God, given by inspiration, and that the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3.

We believe that by the Fall of Adam that all men became sinners, and as such they are powerless to redeem or recover themselves in the sight of God.

Article 4.

We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, and that the offers of salvation are free to all men.

Article 5.

We believe that penitent believers are justified by the grace of God, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Article 6.

We believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust, and that the punishment of the wicked and the joy of the saints will be eternal.

Article 7.

We believe that man is endowed with an immaterial, undying spirit which will exist in a disembodied state, either of conscious suffering or happiness from death until the resurrection.

Article 8.

We believe that the visible church of Christ is made up of baptized believers associated by covenant in faith and fellowship for the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the right and privileges vested in them

by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

Article 9.

We believe the Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Article 10.

We believe that the ordinances of the church are two—Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism should be administered only to regenerated believers; that the Lord's Supper should be perpetuated to commemorate the dying love of Christ, that only persons who have been properly baptized should partake of the supper.

Article 11.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and it is to be kept sacred for religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, and by the devout observance of the means of grace, both private and public, in order to prepare ourselves for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Article 12.

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of God.

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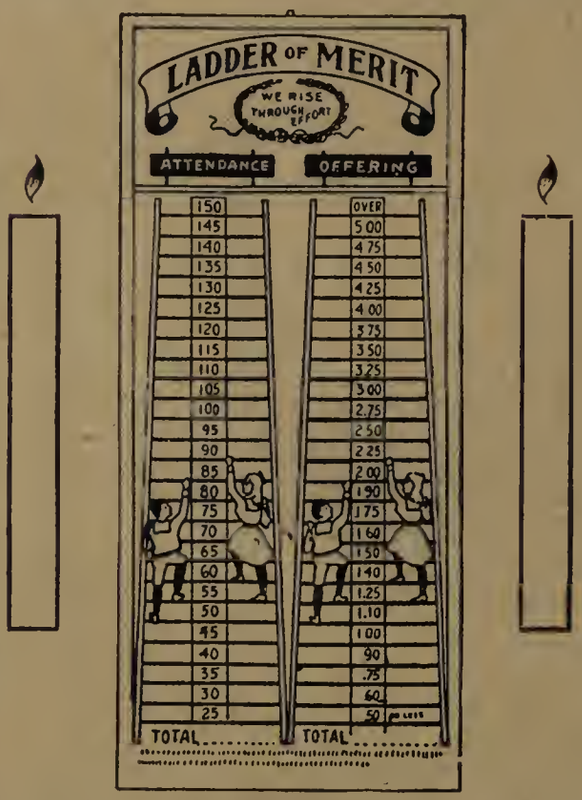

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